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In the Application of:)
Richard L. Palinkas) Examiner: B. Pezzlo
Title: SIDE BEARING PAD) Group Art Unit: 3683
Serial No.: 09/407,053)
Filed: September 27, 1999) (Our Docket No. 6350-05)

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Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 41.31, Applicant appeals to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences from the Examiner's Final Office Action dated December 21, 2004 which rejects claims 1, 3, 5, 6, 8, 10 – 15, 17 and 19-24 of the above-identified patent application.

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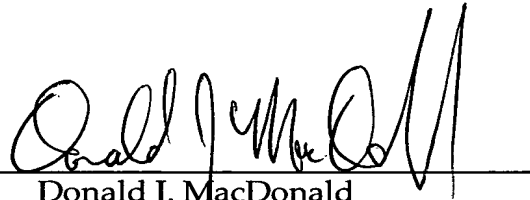
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Respectfully submitted,

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